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Commissioner of Customs,
(Investigative Unit),
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

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There are enclosed for the information of the Bureau
and other interested departments, copies of a report
entitled: "Opium Monopoly Bureau Starts Working at Broadway
Mansions."

Respectfully,

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For the Treasury Attaché

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OPIMUM MONOPOLY BUREAU STARTS WORKING AT
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It is learned from circles in close touch with the puppet regime that as a measure to increase the receipts to meet urgent military expenses, the Japanese authorities recently conferred with the puppet authorities in Nanking to enforce a uniform system of opium monopoly. All the district opium monopoly setups will be abolished immediately and a central opium monopoly bureau called the "General Opium Suppression Bureau for Kiangsu, Chekiang and Anhwei (蘇浙皖禁烟總局) will be established to take the full responsibility of opium monopoly, including the importation, transportation and distribution of opium, issuance of licenses, appointment of sales agents and collection of opium revenues in the whole occupied area in this part of China. [This bureau is to be

under the jurisdiction of the "Ministry of Interior", the minister of which is Mr. Chen Chun (陳群), formerly a close associate of Mr. Tu Yueh-seng in opium and other rackets. The bureau is required to deliver \$3,000,000 per month to the Japanese military headquarters in Shanghai for their war expenses, and may keep the remaining receipts for the expenses of the puppet regime. It is expected to collect approximately \$6,000,000 revenue per month. A few days ago the puppet Executive Yuan appointed Mr. Yu Chun-ching (俞均清) as director of this bureau, which is already functioning at its head office on the fifth floor of Broadway Mansions, North Soochow Road. Three Japanese officials named Tanaka (田中), Nishiki (西室見) and Fuhama (富濱) have also been appointed by the Special Service Organ of the Japanese military to act as advisors to this bureau.